

When do I apply to the academies?

Students are strongly advised to start the application process in the spring of their **junior** year of high school. This will help ensure all procedures of the application process can be completed by the deadline of

October 31st

- . Only applications for the following entry year will be accepted.

I'm still not sure that I want to apply to the academies. What is there to help me make my decision?

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If you are thinking about applying to any of the academies, there are informational resources available to assist you. One such source would be your local liaison officer. The liaison officer can put you in contact with a cadet or midshipman to better inform you. You can ask your school counselor for the liaison officer assigned to your school. There are summer programs available which may give you an idea of what it means to be a cadet or midshipman. It can be helpful to travel to the academy you are interested in to see first hand what the academy has to offer.

Is Congressman Herger the only government official I should apply to for a nomination?

No, due to the competitiveness of the selection process, it is strongly recommended that in addition to Congressman Herger, each candidate apply to both U.S. Senators and the Vice President. Please note that each member of Congress may have a maximum of five cadets or midshipmen at the service academies at a time.

After I submit my application, what happens next?

After the October 31st deadline to submit the application, all applications are considered for an interview date. If your application has been accepted, you will be contacted to schedule an interview appointment with Congressman Herger's Screening Committee. Appointments normally take place in early January.

After the application is submitted, can I still take additional SAT/ACT tests?

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Yes, after the application deadline of October 31st, the **only** additional paperwork accepted are SAT/ACT scores. We encourage all candidates to re-test as often as possible prior to the interview appointment.

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Who serves on Congressman Herger's Academy Nominations Screening Committee?

Congressman Herger has selected a variety of people from every region of the 2nd Congressional District to serve on the Screening Committee. The Committee consists of approximately 4 to 6 members. Retired military, physicians, business people, educators, academy graduates, homemakers, police officers, and other community leaders serve or have served on the Committee.

What is the Screening Committee looking for in an applicant?

Congressman Herger has asked the Screening Committee to evaluate each candidate that the 2nd Congressional District has to offer. Applicants must be of high moral character, be able to show leadership qualities, have a strong desire to serve their country, be physically and mentally fit, and meet the scholastic guidelines set by the academies.

How can I best prepare for my interview?

Applicants should prepare as though they are participating in an important job interview. The Committee will question each applicant on their academic record, extracurricular achievements, hobbies, and views on military life.

When are the applicants notified if they have received a nomination?

Applicants are notified prior to January 30th. □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

Does a nomination mean that I am accepted into the academy?

No. A candidate/nominee must pass academic guidelines, physical requirements and medical examinations.